

TEUTONS ARE NEARING THE HIGH WATER MARK

JUST SINGLE A YEAR AFTER ASSASSINATION OF FERDINAND

Which Led to the Greatest War in All the History of the World.

SITUATION IS DOMINATED

By the German-Austro Armies for the Most Part Although with Much Difficulty.

LONDON, June 28.—The anniversary today of the assassination at Sarajevo of Archduke Francis Frederick of Austria which turned Europe into an armed camp and most of it into a battlefield, finds the struggle between Teutonism and Slavism for racial ascendancy nearing what is thought to be its high water mark with the Teutonic armies, for the most part still outwardly though not without difficulty dominating the situation.

The penetration of the Germanic armies eastward from Lemberg has had the inevitable result of forcing the Russians from the thirty-mile front between Bobrka and Zuzawa, where they had offered such stubborn resistance. The Muscovites as they themselves admit are now falling back to the Gnila Lipa river which runs from the northward of Przemyśl and through Rohatyn to Halicz where it joins the Dniester. Military writers here anticipate that this backward move will necessitate a total withdrawal from the Dniester and that the Russians will make their next real stand on the river Bug.

These writers also hold that though the Russian retreat must mean a great retardation to the prospect of a Muscovite recovery to a condition making a counter offensive possible it has also robbed the Austro-Germans of the complete victory that might have been theirs if they had been able to finish instead of the latter being able to withdraw their armies virtually intact.

In the western field of the war the French offensive seems less active than for some time past, pending consolidation of the ground already won and a clearer insight into the next move projected by the Germans.

From far off Lake Victoria Nyanza in Africa the British once reports a faithful British attack on the German fortified port of Bukoba, the movement being led from land and water with the result that on June 25 the fort was destroyed, the wireless station put out of action, many boats sunk and guns captured and destroyed.

Rumor continues busy with the Balkans, but those who know the secrets of the Bulgarian mystery are awaiting their own time for divulging it. The only fact which is public property at present is that the Bulgarians are still receiving offers from both sides.

TOWN OF HALICZ IS OCCUPIED BY GERMANS

BERLIN, via London, June 28.—The town of Halicz in Galicia on the Dniester river has been occupied by German troops according to the announcement given out today by German military headquarters. Besides the occupation of Halicz the statement announces that the river, Dniester, has been crossed by the Germans along the entire front.

GERMANS ARE TRYING TO APPROACH VERDUN

PARIS, June 28.—The Germans in fighting furiously at Bagetelle and in the trenches of Calonne are seeking to approach the strongly fortified town of Verdun, according to Lieutenant Colonel Rousset, a military critic. He believes they are seeking to gain control of the railroad from Chalons to Sainte Mennehoult.

DRAMATIC AIR DUEL IS VIVIDLY DESCRIBED

LONDON, June 28.—A dramatic air duel in which a British aeroplane reconnoitering over the Belgian town of Poelcappelle at a height of 4,000 feet met and engaged a larger German biplane which had double engines and propellers, is described by the eye witness at British army headquarters. He writes "The German machine first circled around ours at the same time shooting a machine gun but so far as known not inflicting any damage. He then our observer fired fifty rounds in return at a range of less than 200 yards. It had some effect for the hostile biplane was seen to waver and after more shots its engines stopped. The enemy biplane then dived to a level of 2,000 feet where it again attacked its course, flying slowly and erratically. Under heavy anti-aircraft fire from below our pilot turned toward our line to complete his reconnaissance.

"When his machine was hit he decided to make for home but the petrol tank had been pierced and as the aeroplane glided downward the petrol was set alight and ran blazing down the front of the machine which traveled on to an accompaniment of a rattle of musketry as the unused rounds of machine ammunition exploded in the heat, and the pilot's loaded revolver was discharged.

The pilot, however, did not lose

COL. HOUSE DISCUSSES PEACE OUTLOOK WITH WILSON; SEES PRESIDENT END WAR



President Wilson and Col. E. M. House snapped while discussing European war during auto ride.

Col. E. M. House, close friend of President Wilson and unofficial envoy to Europe, has just laid before the president the results of his sojourn of several months in the principal capitals of Europe, where he talked intimately with the responsible officials of the German, French and British governments. President Wilson is considered by Col. House the man most likely to restore peace to the world.

control and the aeroplane proceeded steadily on a downward course. Before it reached the ground a large part of the framework had been destroyed. Even the hardwood blades of the propellers were so burned that the propellers ceased to revolve. When the machine finally landed back of our lines both officers had been severely burned and the pilot, climbing over of the blazing wreck, tripped over a wire and sprained his ankle.

BULLETS PLAY NO PART IN THE EUROPEAN WAR

WARSAW, Russian Poland, June 28.—Seven-eighths of the wounds in the Galician fighting were caused by shells half of which were fired from big caliber guns, said Surgeon Major Lesinski off to an interview on returning to Warsaw from the front.

"Bullets play no part now," he continued, "and the infantryman's rifle is a toy. Infantry merely occupies the trenches the cannon have won. Most devastating of all are the new Skoda shells of the German allies which weigh seven inches in diameter and weigh 2,800 pounds.

"The Skoda howitzer shoots at a high angle and its shells penetrated twenty feet into soft earth before exploding two seconds after striking. These howitzers do not resemble the Krupp mortars of the same calibre, to which they are said to be superior in every way.

GERMAN REPLY

To the Last American Note on Submarine Warfare is to Be Favorable.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—A favorable reply by Germany to the last American note on submarine warfare is indicated in today's state department advices from Berlin. The advices came from Ambassador Gerard and were notably the first of a definite nature received since the American note reached the German foreign office. The exact nature of the ambassador's message was not divulged and it not became known whether he revealed any indication of the trend of the forthcoming German reply. The ambassador's despatch was of sufficient detail, however, to put officials in an optimistic attitude. It was communicated to President Wilson at the summer White House at Cornish, N. H.

KEEFE FUNERAL SERVICES.

Funeral services over the body of William Keefe, who died in a local hospital Saturday evening after a six months' illness of enlargement of the heart, will be held at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Church of the Immaculate Conception and the burial will be in the Holy Cross cemetery.

CORNER STONE WILL BE LAID AT SHINNSTON

Ceremony Will Be Performed by Masonic Fraternity for Baptist Church There.

SHINNSTON, June 28.—By invitation extended through St. Johns Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of this city the grand lodge of West Virginia will lay the corner stone of the new Baptist church now being erected here. The services will be held at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The business places of the city will be closed during the ceremony and invitations have been given to other fraternities, churches, Sunday schools and the public to attend.

Grand Master W. T. Ice, of Phillipsburg, will be present and personally have charge of the services. He will be assisted by the following other grand lodge officers, who have signified their intention to be present:

T. Wilbur Hennen, of Fairmont, deputy grand master; C. D. Sturm, of Clarksburg, grand marshal; E. K. Stout, of Clarksburg, grand tier; and several other past officers of the grand lodge from nearby cities.

The grand lodge will be escorted by a band and a delegation of Knights Templar in charge of Dr. B. F. Matheny, eminent commander of Clarksburg Commandery, No. 13.

Orator By Dr. Taylor.

Besides the regular corner stone ceremony as conducted by the Masonic fraternity there will be a special program of music furnished by an enlarged choir from the various churches of the city and also a double quartet. The oration of the occasion will be delivered by the Rev. William C. Taylor, a noted Baptist minister, pastor of the Baptist church of Clarksburg and prior to coming West, Virginia, a prominent Mason of the Old Dominion state.

The church edifice at which the corner stone laying is to take place when completed will cost approximately \$20,000, and will be the largest and most modern structure of its kind located in the Monongahela valley between Fairmont and Clarksburg. It will be built of buff colored pressed brick and Indiana limestone and will occupy the site of the old church, recently moved.

The building will contain an auditorium with a seating capacity of 800, a large basement and kitchen, parlor, rest room, Sunday school rooms and pastor's study. The interior is to be finely finished and will contain the only pipe organ in the city, a large fund for which has already been donated.

History of Church.

The church was first instituted on November 29, 1885, with the late Rev. George W. Kinsey as pastor. Six years occasional services were held in the old Protestant church and in 1891 the new church was built. It was then thought at the time, would be sufficiently large for many years. However, the increasing growth of the city and the congregation has been such as to make it an essay to provide more room and this task was undertaken several years ago by the present pastor, the Rev. T. B. Lawler.

Following the revival held here about a year ago by the Rev. Mr. Bromley, all the local churches received a large increase in membership. At that time the Methodist Episcopal denomination had shortly before completed its large new church and since then the Christian church has built a Baptist addition to its church. The Methodist Episcopal church has been for some time contemplating an addition to its church.

Noted For Religious Fervor.

Ever since the days of the old Gypsy camp ground, Shinnston has been a place of religious fervor and enthusiasm and the people still continue to hold their several beautiful church edifices as among the town's best and most valuable assets. For this reason the corner stone laying on Wednesday will be a community affair in which the whole town will take part regardless of denominational leanings. Arrangements for the corner stone laying on the part of the church congregation are in charge of the pastor, the Rev. T. B. Lawler, and a committee under his direction and for the Masonic fraternity the arrangements are in charge of George S. Wilkinson, worshipful master of St. John's lodge, and C. L. Watkins, secretary.

ROSY IN AGAIN

Moss Woman Arrested on Charge of Loitering in the Streets.

Rosy Moss, who is well known in police court circles through her many appearances before that tribunal, is again in the cells of the law. Officer McClelland is under bond of \$5.00 for her appearance in police court at 7 o'clock this evening. The same old charge of loitering in the streets is made against her. The arrest was made by Officer McClelland.

FINED FOR FIGHTING.

Two Russians, who gave their names as John Soubal and Phillip Chish, were fined \$5.00 each in police court Sunday morning on charges of disorderly conduct. The men were fighting in Baltimore street when Officers Shahan and Sims appeared on the scene. The two belligerents were locked up and spent Saturday night in jail.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Sylvester Chambliss and Elizabeth E. Davis and Walton Doman and Virginia G. Mays.

DE MAUD'HUY WINNING FAME AS JOFFRE'S ABLEST GENERAL; DRIVING GERMANS BACK



General de Maud'huy.

The French drive against the German line north of Arras is being made by General de Maud'huy, commander of the tenth French army, the general who has risen faster since the war began than any one else in the French forces. He recently captured the famous German "labyrinth."

Dedicatory Services In Fine New Church At Adamston Begin

Large Crowds Attend Ceremonies in the New Methodist Episcopal Church There.

Dedicatory services at the Adamston Methodist Episcopal church, which are to last a week, opened Sunday and the big new edifice was packed by large crowds at all of the services. The Rev. J. E. Bird, of Charleston, preached at both morning and evening services.

The ceremonies were begun with the promotion of Sunday school classes at 9:30 o'clock in the morning. The attendance was the largest in the history of the Sunday school. The Rev. Mr. Bird preached a very interesting and impressive sermon at 10:30. At 2:30 in the afternoon W. M. Miller, of Parkersburg, conducted and evangelistic service which was a big success. The regular Epworth League meeting was held at 6:30 and at 8 o'clock the Rev. Mr. Bird delivered another very forceful sermon.

The sermon tonight will be preached by the Rev. S. K. Arbuthnot, of Parkersburg, a former pastor of the First Episcopal church here. The district conference meets in the church tomorrow and a large attendance of ministers from this section is expected.

The dedicatory will come to a close next Sunday when the dedicatory sermon will be delivered by Bishop Earl C. Cranston, of Washington and an address by Governor Henry D. Hatfield.

There will be services every evening during the week. The new edifice, which is one of the most handsome in this section of the state, stands as a monument to the untiring zeal of the pastor, the Rev. A. S. Wolfe, other church officials and members of the congregation who lent every aid to the work.

GRAFTON ELKS

Will Hold Funeral Services at the Keefe Home Here at 8 O'clock This Evening.

The Grafton lodge of Elks will hold obsequies over the body of William Keefe home on Phillip street. The officers of the lodge and a number of other Grafton Elks will arrive in the city at 6:05 o'clock and go to the Elks' home, from which they will proceed to the Keefe home, accompanied by a number of local Elks. The full Elks' funeral ritual service will be observed. Mr. Keefe was a member of the Grafton lodge.

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LARGE CLASS

Of Candidates is Initiated into Order by Elks Knights of Columbus.

ELKINS, June 28.—A large number of Knights of Columbus from all points in West Virginia and western Maryland assembled here Sunday to attend the exemplification of the major degrees of the order upon a class of thirty-eight candidates.

The day's program started at 10:30 o'clock when all members and candidates assembled at the council hall and marched to the church, where they attended mass and listened to an eloquent sermon by the pastor.

At 1 o'clock in the afternoon the degree work was started. M. H. King, grand knight of Elkins council, assisted by the Elkins degree team, put on the first degree. The second degree was exemplified by the Fairmont degree team and the third degree was conferred by M. J. Cullinan, of Wheeling, newly elected state deputy grand master.

An elaborate banquet in honor of the new members was served at the Randolph hotel at 10 o'clock Sunday night. Among the speakers on the program was J. Percy Byrd, of Clarksburg Council, No. 112.

The Clarksburg delegation headed by Grand Knight James J. Devine, arrived here Sunday morning in automobiles, having motored through from Clarksburg. Those in the party were James J. Devine, J. Percy Byrd, Thomas J. Gillock, Earl J. Spraker, Vincent E. Cook, William Mulheran, John McNichol, Frank J. Welch, Lawrence Switzer, Michael Riley, John Farrell, Patrick Peacock, Daniel Henry, James J. Coughlin, John P. Keeley, D. J. Campbell and Charles Welch.

OUTING

Of Parkersburg Lodge of Elks Will Be Held at Fern Cliff Park July 15.

PARKERSBURG, June 28.—Parkersburg lodge of Elks is perfecting big plans for a holiday outing at Fern Cliff park, on the Shenandoah, July 15. The outing will be an all-day affair, and a program of events will be arranged for the morning, afternoon and night. The committee, having charge of the arrangements, is Max McKinley, W. E. Kemery, Paul C. Lehman, Fred Ryndman, One Wilson and Parker Senemman. Several prominent Elks, members of the grand lodge, will be invited to make addresses. This will be the first outing of the local lodge in two years.

UNDER BOND

Fricker Charged with Blocking the Sidewalk in Pike Street.

Charged with blocking the sidewalk and refusing to move to the curb when ordered to do so by Officer McClelland, William Fricker is under bond of \$10 for his appearance before mayor G. H. Gordon in police court at 7 o'clock Wednesday. Fricker, it is alleged, was standing on the sidewalk in Pike street Sunday night and was proving somewhat of an obstacle to traffic. The officer says that he ordered Fricker to move out to the curb. Fricker refused, the officer alleges, and he was placed under arrest.

WRECKS

On the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Cause the Trains Thereon to Run Late.

Eastbound through passenger train No. 2 Sunday morning ran several hours late, owing to a derailment of six cars of the eastbound freight on the Roxabel grade, west of Chillicothe. Nobody was reported injured in the accident.

Eastbound through passenger train No. 12 had to be defouled from Parkersburg by way of the Ohio River division, New Martinsville, and the Short Line, owing to another derailment east of tunnel No. 7, near Pennsboro. This accident occurred between 2 and 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. In this one four cars of eastbound freight were derailed. Express train No. 18, eastbound, was held up west of the derailment for some time. The track was cleared during the evening.

STANSBURY HERE

Athletic Director of Wealean College Spends Few Hours Here.

H. A. Stansbury, athletic director, stated that he had started negotiations with a visitor in the city Monday morning, while en route to Buckhannon from Fairmont, where he spent Sunday a guest at the home of J. O. Watson. In speaking of the chances of Wealean and West Virginia getting together in time for a game next Thanksgiving day, he stated that they had started negotiations with Marshall College for a game there on that date.